

**CITY OF NANAIMO**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-JUN-04 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**AT 1410 SHERWOOD DRIVE**

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**Present:** Bill Gard Dallas Dowson-Buffalo  
David Hill-Turner John Hofman, Chair  
Karen Hovestad Charlene Riches  
Christine Meutzner

Staff: Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner  
Lisa Dennis, Recording Secretary

Guest: Odette Laramee, Nanaimo Arts  
Council

**Regrets:** Geraldine Manson Councillor Loyd Sherry  
Blake McGuffie

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Hofman called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (2008-MAY-07)**

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by C. Meutzner, that the minutes of the 2008-May-07 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**3. BUDGET REVIEW (\$3,251.86)**

C. Sholberg noted that

- They are \$1,700 into the budget so there is about \$1,500 still uncommitted.

**4. LATE ITEMS**

There were three late items:

a) Meeting with Ladysmith Heritage Commission

C. Riches was approached by the Ladysmith Heritage Commission as to whether the Nanaimo group would care to hold a joint meeting of commissions.

NCHC Comments:

- Would be interesting to hear about what the general community feeling is about Ladysmith's industrial heritage.
- C. Sholberg will follow up with the Ladysmith Heritage Commission to arrange a joint meeting.

b) 746 Railway, Spence Residence

C. Sholberg noted:

- The resident of 746 Railway inquired about a heritage home repair grant for this property, included on the Heritage Register.
- There is no funding for a grant this year but the resident can apply for next year. In the meantime the resident would like to acquire a heritage home plaque.

- Does the commission support either waiting to see what happens with the application, providing the plaque now at the owner's expense or some sort of cost sharing?
- There are currently eight plaques in the community and have been paid for by the City as part of the grant program.

NCHC Comments:

- Consensus: If the resident is on the heritage register, he is welcome to pay \$300 for the plaque, otherwise, he can wait to see what happens with the grant application.

c) Downtown Design Guidelines

C. Sholberg provided a copy of the Downtown Design Guidelines and advised that the document is now available on the City website.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS**

a) Morden Mine News

- For information

b) Heritage B.C. Quarterly

- For information

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Maffeo-Sutton Park Redevelopment – Project Update (Kirsty MacDonald, Parks Planner, City of Nanaimo)

C. Sholberg noted:

- There is an Open House scheduled for June 12 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Bowen Park.
- Kirsty will brief the group when the Parks Department has formulated a plan.
- The project is funded under a \$500,000 donation from the BC Spirit Square project.
- Design options may be interchanged, and final design will likely be a combination of proposals recently on display at the Maffeo-Sutton Park open house. Currently both design proposals involve moving the Lion's pavilion and the playground.
- The Foundry wood is meant to be used on the site, perhaps as a structure or piece of art, but the current proposal does not appear to address the issue of the wood adequately.
- The park will be redone in phases so that the whole site will not have to be shut down.

NCHC comments:

- The Foundry wood needs to be used in meaningful way and the Heritage Commission should enumerate its concerns in a letter to the Park, Recreation and Culture Department.
- Commission's number one concern will be to maintain the integrity of the Foundry wood.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by C. Riches that the Heritage Commission write a formal letter to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department expressing the Commission's wish that the Foundry wood be used in a meaningful way in the Maffeo-Sutton park design.

CARRIED

ACTION: C. Sholberg will produce a letter for J. Hofman's signature on behalf of the commission

b) Heritage Lighthouse Bill – Federal – Community Nomination of Federally owned lighthouses (B. Gard)

B. Gard inquired as to what lighthouses we have in the area and who controls them?

NCHC comments:

- Local lighthouse – Entrance Island, we also have unmanned light beacon near Gallows Point on Protection Island.
- All lighthouses are under federal jurisdiction.
- In Vancouver, the City has adopted some lighthouses in order to preserve them.
- C. Sholberg will inquire into the status of our local lighthouse/light beacon.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

a) OCP Update (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- OCP has been to Council for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and is going to public hearing June 19.
- Should have new OCP by July if public process goes smoothly.

b) Rock Wall Bench for Pioneer Cemetery Park – update (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Parks will cost out the rock bench as an extension of the rock wall.
- Back up plan is to do an ornamental replacement bench.

c) Plaque mount in front of Court House – update (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- The courthouse groundskeeper is enthusiastic about having the plaque mounted in place.
- Parks crew will do the installation of plaque mount. If commission has to pay, we may try to pay for it out of next year's budget. Otherwise, we will have to find the money from somewhere or approach the courthouse about a cost-share.

d) Heritage Action Plan - Update (facilitated workshop to update goals and objectives for preserving heritage) (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Will come back to this issue later.
- The project is now noted on the OCP action plan as a short term project (to be completed within 5 years).
- In the meantime, members were invited to check out action plans from other communities that are currently posted on-line.

e) Harewood Heritage Walk Brochure – Status (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Impact is currently doing print run and the brochure will be distributed to the regular sources.

f) Nob Hill Heritage Walk Brochure – Status (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Draft version of the brochure has been put together, however no money left in Commission's budget to do design and production work – so will continue work in early 2009.

## NCHC Comments:

- The Nob Hill tour actually works differently in reality than laid out on the brochure. The tour route should be changed because the topography makes more sense that way.

## g) E&amp;N Railway Station (C. Sholberg)

## C. Sholberg noted:

- Still waiting on rehabilitation proposal from the Island Corridor Foundation.
- The Foundation would like the Station to be operational by spring 2009, although this target date is likely optimistic.

## h) Raines Cabin (C. Sholberg)

## C. Sholberg noted:

- The building is collapsing and is becoming a hazard.
- A member of the Raines family is interested in taking the cabin back, locating it close the original site and doing restorations. The cabin would possibly be donated back to the City in the future.
- The City is reviewing relocation costs with Nickel Bros. If reasonable, the City will cover the relocation cost.
- Is one of our earliest buildings beside the bastion and there is heritage value, even though there is no current use for it by the City. The family taking it back is the best option, short of demolition.

## i) Pacific Biological Station National Historic Site Nomination - Status (C. Sholberg)

## C. Sholberg noted:

- The Board office noted that consideration of the nomination will not happen until the Fall.
- In the meantime, the Station will be unveiling on October 1 a plaque produced by the City to recognize the Station's 100 year anniversary.

## j) Ships That Built Nanaimo Heritage Plaques – Status (C. Sholberg)

## C. Sholberg noted:

- This was put forward by the Historical Society and paid for by BC 150.
- There has been some concern over the form and content of the plaques.
- The Heritage Commission's role is to ensure that the plaques do not contain any gross misrepresentations but it is the Historical Societies project and we will assist them.
- There will be four ships per plaque and two plaques.
- There may be an issue with the Port Authority regarding placement. The City will approach the Port with visuals and if it doesn't work out, the City can find a spot for them on City controlled property along the downtown waterfront.

## k) Portals to our Heritage Project – Departure Bay (C. Sholberg)

## C. Sholberg noted:

- This is a Cultural Capital initiative.
- Chris is working with Geraldine Manson to have Snuneymuxw Village interpretive plaque installed alongside totem as part of July 26 Tribal Journey event.
- Will have Departure Bay burial site fenced by end of July. Plaque installation will follow in August/September.

## l) Heritage Paint Out – Update (O. Laramee). Attachments provided.

O. Laramee addressed the commission:

- Nanaimo Arts Council is requesting \$500 towards the Paint-Out event.
- The Arts Council is also announcing the “Key of Three” event in which three groups of three artists from three different disciplines will develop three artworks as an integrated art project.
- The Arts Council is looking for artists that have a history in Nanaimo.
- This project is funded by a BC150 Grant.

C. Sholberg noted:

- \$500 is consistent to what the commission usually donates.
- Will provide a list of heritage buildings and sites for the artists to paint/photograph.

NCHC Comments:

- In past, there was talk about obtaining some of the works and in the end it was dropped. If commission agrees on one piece in particular, we may want to talk about acquiring it.
- We need to make sure there is a heritage focus.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by Bill Gard that the Heritage Commission provide funding in the amount of \$500 for the Nanaimo Arts Council Paint-Out event.

CARRIED

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (D. Hill-Turner)

D. Hill-Turner noted:

- The meeting at the beginning of the month to vote on the plan was cancelled. There may be a meeting on June 17.

### b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (G. Manson)

G. Manson was not in attendance.

### c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society (C. Meutzner)

C. Meutzner noted

- The museum received a piece of fruitcake from the BC100 celebrations in which Nanaimo made the world's largest fruitcake. A gentleman from England has sent in his piece of cake, almost 50 years to the month of the original event.
- The Archives is investigating formal ownership change of the EJ Hughes mural to City of Nanaimo. The mural should be installed in the conference centre by fall.
- The Archives has spent about \$55,000 on the mural over the last 12 years.
- All commission members are encouraged to attend the Archive's AGM.

### d) Nanaimo District and Museum (D. Hill-Turner)

D. Hill Turner noted:

- Storage shelves going up in the new museum and some phase of exhibit will be ready by July. Floors are currently being done.
- The exhibits will open over the course of the year.
- They are looking at two travelling shows - one in February and one next summer.

### e) Design Advisory Panel (J. Hofman)

J. Hofman noted:

- No applications pertaining to heritage issues.
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**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2008-Sep-03.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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